

2021 Third Quarter Report



**City of Wenatchee
Parks, Recreation and
Cultural Services Department**

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Rosemarie Ramos teaching swimming lessons

INTRODUCTION

We are pleased to present the 2021 Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department Third Quarter Report. In this report you will find a summary of the activities completed by department staff and volunteers during the months of July, August and September. The Department's vision of partnering with the community to provide innovative and high value parks, facilities, programs and services that promote an engaged and healthy community may be seen in the outcome areas of:

- Strengthening community image
- Protecting environmental resources
- Increasing cultural unity
- Supporting economic development
- Facilitating community problem solving
- Providing recreational experiences
- Fostering human development
- Promoting health and wellness
- Increasing self esteem and reliance

Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission

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Permanent Staff

Caryl Andre	Recreation Supervisor	Jordan Brooks	Park Maintenance	Cammy Coble	Administrative Assistant
David Erickson	Department Director	Axel Garcia	Park Maintenance Lead	Jerred Gardner	Park Maintenance
Tim Herdt	Park Maintenance	Josh Holcomb	Park Maintenance	Ricky Lange	Park Maintenance
Eric Janzen	Park Maintenance	Tom Lewis	Cemetery	Sydney McElroy	Recreation Coordinator
Charlotte Mitchell	Capital Projects Manager	Charlie Persall	Park Maintenance	Jeff Pulver	Cemetery Lead
Saun Raftery	Park Maintenance/Cemetery	Rob Richards	Park Maintenance Supervisor	Gina Shaw	Recreation Coordinator

Temporary Staff

Maya Anderson	Lifeguard	Chloe Andrewjeski	Recreation Leader	Hannah Baker	Lifeguard
Loren Baltruch	Recreation Leader	Isabella Black	Lifeguard	Adriana Blanchfield	Recreation Leader
John Bromiley	Recreation Leader	Leif Broxon	Lifeguard	Kahler Cannon	Maintenance
Horeb Carpio	Recreation Leader	Jacob Christensen	Maintenance	Keiren Cook	Recreation Leader
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Noah Leeds	Recreation Leader	Kylie LineBarier	Recreation Leader	Ben Madsen	Lifeguard
Lauren Marquis	Lifeguard	Rachel Marquis	Lifeguard	Olga Murillo	Lifeguard
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Kristine Pease	Recreation Leader	Kai Pefferman	Recreation	Grace Pixton	Recreation Leader
Alyssa Polson	Recreation Leader	Rosemarie Ramos	Lifeguard	Krissy Richerson	Recreation Leader
Jasmine Sanchez	Recreation Leader	Kiarra Scheib	Recreation Leader	Morgan Smith	Recreation Leader
Trey Stegeman	Maintenance	Kyle Sutton	Lifeguard	Evan VanderSluis	Lifeguard
Andrew VanderSchalie	Recreation Leader	Spencer VanderSchalie	Recreation Leader	Maxwell Webb	Maintenance
Cameron Wheeler	Lifeguard	Hanna Wilkens	Recreation	Cecila Zook	Recreation Leader

WHY PARKS & RECREATION?

A strong park and recreation system is essential for a thriving community. There are many different benefits that can be accrued from participation in City of Wenatchee recreation activities or visiting city parks or open space areas. We can relax and enjoy the beauty of a sunset. We can spend time with family or friends. We can experience new activities and opportunities. There is a limitless number of benefits that can be found within such experiences. Most of these values and benefits fall within one of four major categories: Individual, Community, Environmental, Economic.

INDIVIDUAL BENEFITS

Parks and Recreation provide opportunities for living, learning, and leading a full and productive life as well as avenues for purpose, pleasure, health and well being. Other more specific individual benefits include:

- Full and meaningful life
- Sense of accomplishment
- Life Satisfaction
- Psychological well being
- Problem solving and decision making
- Quality of Life
- Creativity and adaptability
- Personal development and growth
- Sense of adventure
- Balance between work and play
- Personal appreciation and satisfaction
- Self esteem and self reliance
- Physical health and maintenance

ECONOMIC BENEFITS

Parks, recreation and open space are not mere expenditures but an investment in the future well being of individuals and groups as well as the continued viability of communities and the world. Other benefits include:

- Economic stimulant
- Revenue generator
- Reduced healthcare costs
- Enhanced land values
- Reduced vandalism and crime
- Catalyst for tourism

COMMUNITY BENEFITS

We live and interact within families, work groups, neighborhoods, communities, and the world. Recreation and parks play an integral role in providing opportunities for these types of interactions. Other more specific benefits include:

- Strong, vital involved communities
- Community pride
- Reduced alienation
- Social bonding
- Connected families
- Support for youth
- Reduced delinquency
- Understanding and tolerance
- Ethnic & cultural understanding & harmony
- Lifelines for the elderly
- Outlets for conflict resolution

ENVIRONMENTAL BENEFITS

Providing and preserving parks and open space enhance the desirability of an area as well as contribute to the safety and health of its inhabitants. Other more specific benefits include:

- Environmental health and protection
- Stress reduction
- Clean air and clean water
- Catalyst for relocation
- Source of community pride
- Preservation of open space
- Physical health and wellbeing
- Enhanced property values
- Protection of the ecosystem

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

Administrative Services is responsible for the activities and actions involved in operating the Parks and Recreation Department including: Personnel, budget management, facility use, policy and procedure development and those other items that do not normally fall within one of the main Department functional areas.

HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights from the third quarter of 2021:

- Served on an statewide evaluation committee and reviewed and provided comment to the State on proposed Covid guidelines, vaccinated versus not vaccinated guidelines, and masks versus no mask guidelines. Modified policies, procedures and operations several times to respond to changing guidelines.
- Participated in a variety of ongoing meetings including: department directors and staff meetings, Statewide and North Central Washington Covid and aquatics meetings, Records Management Workgroup, State Comprehensive Outdoor Recreation Plan Update Committee, Elements Workgroup, City Safety Committee, Sports Foundation, Riverfront Park Technical Design Committee, TREAD, City Council, Public Works Committee and Finance Committee meetings.
- Updated the City web site, Elements program, Active site and social media page.
- Prepared agenda materials, minutes and provided staff support for Arts, Recreation and Parks Commission meetings.
- Finalized and distributed the second quarter report. Prepared the third quarter report.
- Assisted a group of women owned businesses and several other vendors that would like to hold markets in park areas.
- Modified all operations to respond to heat, lightning, unhealthy air quality and revised Covid and masking guidelines.
- Prepared and distributed press releases for operational changes, wading pool issues, fires, construction closures and the City Pool.
- Hired contracted security to work during the wading pool program at Kiwanis Methow Park due to safety issues.
- Met with the City Clerk to discuss and review records to be retained or disposed of. Began the process to scan and purge documents.
- Worked with a producer of Discovery Channel's Expedition Unknown show as they were exploring filming the locomotive in Lions Locomotive Park for an episode they are working on about the 1910 Wellington avalanche.
- Received complaints and threats about the Hale Skate Park lights not being on all night because "its hard to skate in the dark". Met with the Mayor's office and Police to discuss park operational hours. Conducted additional research on restroom, skate park operational hours.
- Assisted Wenatchee Pride and the Women's March with coordination of their special events.
- Assisted the City of Longview with program transportation policies and procedures.
- Worked with the Museum on planning of two special events.
- Responded to several staff who were diagnosed with Covid. Conducted contact tracing and addressed additional Covid exposures.
- Investigated a random, anonymous complaint call claiming that a park maintenance worker was going to start an insurrection of the government over masking. After the investigation, the complaint was unfounded. We think it may have come from one of the Lions Locomotive Park residents.
- Recreation Coordinator Gina Shaw submitted her resignation. Finalized the recruitment schedule with Human Resources.
- Participated in an intranet training with the IS Department. Created the department pages.
- Attended the Pinnacles Prep grand opening.

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

- Investigating alternative park security camera systems to see if technology has advanced beyond our current systems.
- Endeavored to navigate and get clarification on school vaccination/masking requirements for user groups as the Governors proclamation and OSPI language conflict with each other.
- Worked with another person interested in purchasing a memorial bench.
- Met with Public Works and the Finance Department to discuss and review utility interfund billings.
- Met with the Mayor's office to discuss Kiwanis Methow, Lions Locomotive and Hale Park user groups.
- Coordinated the Saddle Rock trailhead closure/opening with Fire District and Chelan Douglas Land Trust during and after the fire on Roostercomb.
- Prepared materials for the 2022 budget request. Met with the IS Director Public Works and the Finance Director and submitted materials for consideration.
- Assisted the City of Mercer Island with sustainability policies.
- Continued working with the Arbor Day Committee on 2022 event planning.
- Prepared paperwork to remove temporary employees from payroll.
- Updated the departmental weather policy to match new Labor and Industries guidelines.
- Assisted the cities of Longview and Covington as they would like to use our park concession policy and guidebook as an example for their cities.
- Conducted a Recreation/Admin staff team building exercise and meeting.
- Worked through a personnel issue. Had multiple meetings with HR and labor attorney.
- Assisted the City of Richland as they would like to use our memorial bench program as a model for their city.
- Assisted the City of Kenmore with trail development information and strategy.
- Reviewed the departmental furniture plan for the City Hall space and met with Public Works to discuss. Participated in the Steering Committee.
- Attended Drug and Alcohol Reasonable Suspicion Supervisor Training.
- Assisted Boy Scouts with facility needs for a Klondike 2022 event.

RESERVED PARK AND FACILITY USE

Processed facility reservation requests and special event permit applications. The following is a summary of those special event permit applications received, and reserved park uses during the third quarter of the year.

PICNIC SHELTER OR STAGE RESERVED USES

PARK AREA	USES	ATTENDANCE
Centennial Park Stage	7	1,302
Kiwanis Methow Park Kiosko	0	0
Hale Park Shelter	0	0
Lincoln Park Shelter	26	680
Pennsylvania Park Shelter	0	0
Pioneer Park Fireplace Area	49	740
Saddle Rock Shelter	3	115
Rotary Park South Shelter	39	983
Rotary Park North Shelter	83	1,880
Washington Park Shelter	54	1,320
TOTALS	261	7,020

SPECIAL EVENT/CONCESSION PERMIT APPLICATIONS

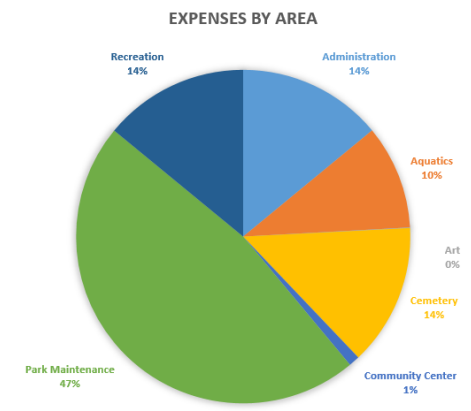
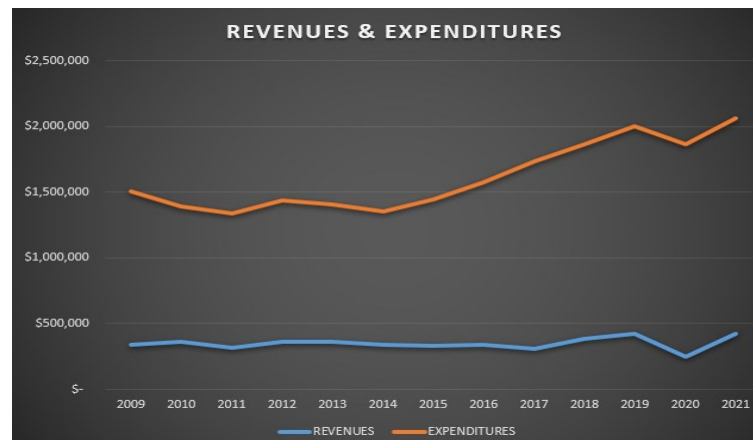
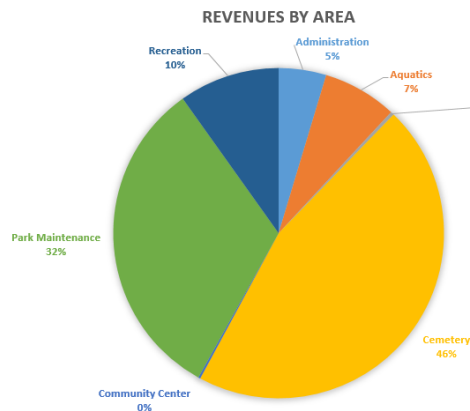
- Pride Fest (Memorial Park – Cancelled)
- Friends of the Library Book Sale (Memorial Park—1 day).
- Great Northern Railway Production (Lions Locomotive Park—1 day).
- National Night Out (Washington, Rotary and Lincoln Parks—1 day).
- Museum Salmon Bake (Centennial Park—Cancelled)
- Rotary Club Ice Cream Social (Rotary Park—1 day).
- Museum Fundraiser Night (Centennial Park—Application)
- Women's March (Memorial Park—1 day)

ADMINISTRATIVE SERVICES

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURE COMPARISON

The table below is a comparison of all department revenues and expenditures through September.

REVENUES													
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Art Fund Contributions - 1%	\$ 17,304	\$ 25,211	\$ 108	\$ 1,579	\$ 2,692	\$ 37	\$ 45	\$ 166	\$ 423	\$ 811	\$ 640	\$ 2,464	\$ 1,384
Cemetery Service Fees	\$ 46,405	\$ 41,976	\$ 43,281	\$ 43,477	\$ 48,119	\$ 61,350	\$ 52,093	\$ 47,569	\$ 42,358	\$ 51,314	\$ 55,599	\$ 47,646	\$ 49,633
Community Center Leases	\$ 36,707	\$ 36,995	\$ 42,621	\$ 54,703	\$ 39,812	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 25,406	\$ 12,997	\$ -
Community Center Rentals	\$ 42,465	\$ 52,893	\$ 19,536	\$ 23,747	\$ 20,455	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	\$ 17,453	\$ 8,125	\$ 582
Grave, Crypt and Niche Sales	\$ 42,998	\$ 48,589	\$ 46,626	\$ 49,629	\$ 57,703	\$ 80,578	\$ 63,503	\$ 71,815	\$ 52,377	\$ 55,391	\$ 51,504	\$ 40,573	\$ 112,379
Linens, Markers and Vase Sales	\$ 36,647	\$ 31,009	\$ 24,749	\$ 42,309	\$ 34,208	\$ 37,552	\$ 32,660	\$ 36,287	\$ 28,938	\$ 28,395	\$ 32,719	\$ 13,679	\$ 29,167
Miscellaneous Park and Recreation Fees	\$ 6,810	\$ 4,395	\$ 317	\$ 102	\$ 577	\$ 392	\$ 1,061	\$ 853	\$ 1,018	\$ 600	\$ 5,376	\$ 1,150	\$ 4,110
Other Cemetery Revenues	\$ 964	\$ 1,013	\$ 638	\$ (4,331)	\$ 422	\$ 466	\$ 481	\$ 1,145	\$ 1,026	\$ 669	\$ 1,257	\$ 12,198	\$ 1,047
Other Community Center Revenues	\$ 2,091	\$ 2,255	\$ 789	\$ 1,473	\$ 624	\$ 89	\$ 117	\$ 386	\$ 687	\$ 1,015	\$ 1,042	\$ 7,301	\$ 271
Park Maintenance Charges	\$ 28,080	\$ 32,972	\$ 54,123	\$ 66,666	\$ 61,318	\$ 62,851	\$ 66,688	\$ 83,081	\$ 74,162	\$ 138,581	\$ 101,833	\$ 100,993	\$ 135,132
Picnic Shelter Rentals	\$ 9,144	\$ 8,010	\$ 8,339	\$ 7,832	\$ 10,330	\$ 10,889	\$ 9,139	\$ 8,694	\$ 10,414	\$ 12,762	\$ 14,411	\$ (146)	\$ 15,171
Pool Admissions	\$ 20,734	\$ 21,608	\$ 19,104	\$ 18,194	\$ 15,554	\$ 16,272	\$ 16,548	\$ 17,588	\$ 16,781	\$ 17,182	\$ 20,610	\$ (137)	\$ 9,824
Pool Rentals	\$ 4,474	\$ 10,417	\$ 12,319	\$ 4,865	\$ 12,743	\$ 14,428	\$ 13,322	\$ 14,414	\$ 15,370	\$ 13,692	\$ 15,064	\$ -	\$ 1,230
Recreation Program Fees	\$ 31,791	\$ 29,568	\$ 30,216	\$ 31,874	\$ 30,821	\$ 31,117	\$ 50,361	\$ 37,960	\$ 45,993	\$ 44,010	\$ 45,624	\$ 4,153	\$ 41,478
Special Event Permits	\$ 2,041	\$ 1,458	\$ 1,080	\$ 1,440	\$ 1,110	\$ 920	\$ 1,668	\$ 1,220	\$ 378	\$ 160	\$ 2,740	\$ (590)	\$ 290
Swimming Lessons	\$ 13,103	\$ 14,792	\$ 16,347	\$ 18,255	\$ 24,029	\$ 23,932	\$ 23,670	\$ 21,343	\$ 19,715	\$ 19,555	\$ 29,006	\$ -	\$ 19,559
TOTAL	\$ 341,758	\$ 363,161	\$ 320,193	\$ 361,814	\$ 360,517	\$ 340,873	\$ 331,356	\$ 342,521	\$ 309,640	\$ 384,137	\$ 420,284	\$ 250,406	\$ 421,257
EXPENDITURES													
	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021
Administration	\$ 242,939	\$ 224,944	\$ 212,453	\$ 310,856	\$ 200,720	\$ 201,927	\$ 227,079	\$ 276,725	\$ 208,278	\$ 211,015	\$ 300,208	\$ 283,449	\$ 289,131
Aquatics	\$ 172,176	\$ 152,207	\$ 149,799	\$ 128,517	\$ 126,003	\$ 138,917	\$ 119,908	\$ 129,686	\$ 145,719	\$ 147,890	\$ 189,419	\$ 65,587	\$ 208,516
Art	\$ 13,973	\$ 5,355	\$ 24,813	\$ 20,999	\$ 17,599	\$ 18,979	\$ 13,355	\$ 8,265	\$ 1,500	\$ -	\$ 4,870	\$ 226	\$ 1,502
Cemetery	\$ 203,605	\$ 194,450	\$ 183,223	\$ 188,373	\$ 197,117	\$ 216,880	\$ 211,537	\$ 206,007	\$ 252,001	\$ 277,125	\$ 276,902	\$ 296,868	\$ 283,237
Community Center	\$ 98,822	\$ 89,375	\$ 97,945	\$ 105,012	\$ 103,945	\$ 28,714	\$ 17,571	\$ 24,624	\$ 25,896	\$ 28,416	\$ 66,337	\$ 96,005	\$ 21,758
Park Maintenance	\$ 612,564	\$ 599,521	\$ 567,737	\$ 587,973	\$ 654,478	\$ 646,640	\$ 733,305	\$ 764,484	\$ 854,452	\$ 940,549	\$ 914,423	\$ 944,373	\$ 969,499
Recreation	\$ 166,098	\$ 124,414	\$ 100,971	\$ 97,340	\$ 104,676	\$ 103,508	\$ 123,542	\$ 165,244	\$ 248,202	\$ 261,283	\$ 249,949	\$ 179,027	\$ 289,554
TOTAL	\$ 1,510,177	\$ 1,390,266	\$ 1,336,941	\$ 1,439,070	\$ 1,404,538	\$ 1,355,565	\$ 1,446,297	\$ 1,575,035	\$ 1,736,048	\$ 1,866,278	\$ 2,002,108	\$ 1,865,535	\$ 2,063,197



AQUATICS

The City of Wenatchee operates the City Pool in an effort to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors by providing safe and healthy opportunities for aquatic instruction, recreation, fitness, and safety education. The **Aquatics Division** strives to offer innovative programming that reflects current societal trends, technology, and research findings in a safe, aesthetically pleasing and family friendly environment.

HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights from the third quarter of 2021:

- Made operational changes repeatedly due to changing Covid guidelines. Lap swims reverted back to drop in use with no reservations required with payment by cash or check at the pool. The Family Swim was modified to drop-in use, and open to general use without reservations. Made additional operational adjustments.
- Conducted a lifeguard certification course.
- Prepared the pool liner project request for qualifications and forwarded it to the Facilities Division for review.
- Pool operations were cancelled five days due to poor air quality. Lightning cancelled one night of evening programs. Contacted all participants.
- Drove to Snoqualmie Pass to meet a supplier of chlorine stabilizer and pick up the chemical as they wouldn't deliver to the Wenatchee area.
- The Health District completed an inspection of the pool. It passed.
- Our long time pool lead Stephanie Critchell, was selected to be the Team USA Special Olympics Washington Swimming Coach. She will get to go to Orlando next summer for the Special Olympics National games. One of our athletes, Grace VanWell was also selected for the games and will be going to compete.
- Participated in a Respiratory Health of Swimmers, Measures of Outdoor Air Quality and Guidance for Holding Practices and Meets seminar conducted by USA Swimming.
- The Public Works Facilities Division repaired the circulation pump.



- Received and responded to a complaint from a visitor about unprofessional pool staff.
- Conducted aquatic staff trainings/meetings.
- Implemented our Covid Response Plan as we learned that a swim lesson participant was confirmed to have Covid. The Health District complimented us on our response.
- Modified the pool schedule for the final two weeks of Summer as much of the pool staff returned to school. Operations were reduced.



- Created two additional pre-school swim lesson levels and associated instructional materials.
- The pool hosted the Starlight Swim Meet.
- The following is a comparison of pool attendance for the season. It does not include swim meet, special event or rental participation. Participation was impacted by Covid capacity limitations.

	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015
Recreation Swim	3,936	0	6,450	6,120	6,109	5,656	5,090
Lap Swim	1,317	0	1,624	1,167	1,307	1,374	1,258
<u>Lessons</u>	<u>615</u>	<u>0</u>	<u>970</u>	<u>796</u>	<u>775</u>	<u>720</u>	<u>767</u>
Totals	5,868	0	9,044	8,083	8,191	7,750	7,115

- Concluded operations for the season and prepared the facility for the winter.

ARTS & CULTURE

The City of Wenatchee provides arts and cultural facilities, programs and services in an effort to enhance the quality of life for residents and visitors. The **Arts and Culture Division** strives to promote and encourage public programs to further the development and public awareness and interest in the visual and performing arts and to act in an advisory capacity with the artistic and cultural development of the city.

HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights from the third quarter of 2021:

- Finalized the summer concert lineup and obtained sponsorships. Held the series.



- Obtained price quotes and designing a backdrop for the stage.
- Continued developing an updated Adopt a Sculpture database. Several people have dropped out of the program.
- Assisted the City of Walla Walla with 1% for the Arts Code.
- Completed the installation of the new art plaques.
- Presented the art fund six-year outline at the City Council work session.
- Distributed Art Walking Tour Brochures to the Chamber, businesses and brochure boxes. Created a map showing the distribution locations.
- Prepared the draft call to artists for the Memorial Park Native Peoples Memorial Project. Prepared and submitted a Community Foundation Regional Impact grant request for the project.



- Pinnacles will painted the Art Pathways on their campus.

- Worked with an artist to locate a temporary home for a 10' tall, 1,200 pound elephant sculpture. The artist is moving from the Tonasket area to Wenatchee and needed a short term home for the sculpture while the new studio is prepared. The jungle will be coming to Pioneer Park from November through about June/July.



- Created a new art collection catalog and posted it to the website and intranet site.

- The Drive in Movies were at capacity. Beethoven and Moana were shown in the Town Toyota Center parking lot.



MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

The **Maintenance and Operation division** is responsible for the care of the City's park system including 21 City park areas and the landscaping at various locations throughout the City. The division plants and maintains over 100 floral baskets in the downtown core and prunes, maintains and decorates over 300 trees along downtown arterials and maintains the landscaping around city buildings, landscaping along roadways and the Convention Center and Cemetery.

In the winter, the division is responsible for snow and ice control for the walkways within the parks as well as all of the sidewalks that adjoin City properties. The parks crew also clears the snow and ice at all of the City's buildings.

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights of the third quarter of 2021 include:

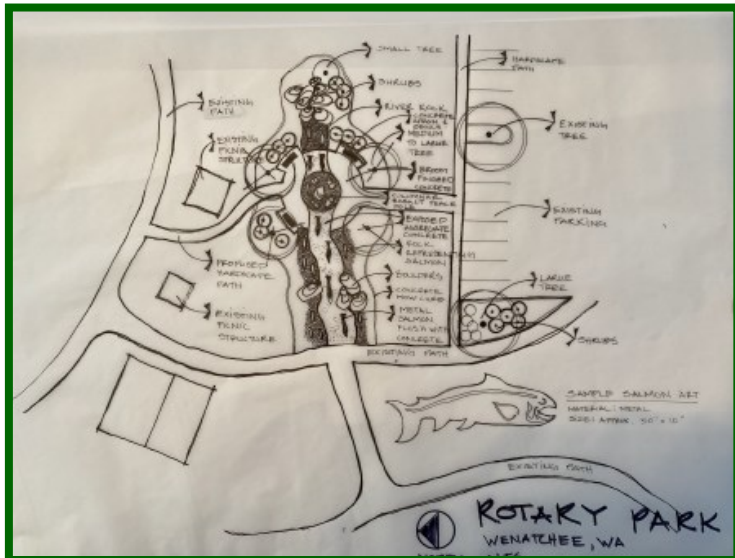
- Repaired irrigation in the off leash area.
- Planted the last of the replacement trees in Washington Park. Another tree top broke out in the park and landed on a picnic table. Fortunately the table wasn't occupied at the time. We will prune the tree this fall when a large enough lift becomes available to reach it.
- Reviewed and updated the landscaping plan for the 5th Street median, obtained price quotes for implementation in 2022.
- Sprayed weeds, thatched and hydroseeded Memorial Park to restore the park from Apple Blossom.
- Worked with Fall Ball on their storage shed painting project.
- Assisted Linda Haglund with her downtown flower pot project.
- Modified the Hale Skate Park lights and the security contract to respond to City Council direction.
- Received a complaint that there were ants in a park.
- Removed and replaced the rock mulch at Social Security due to complaints from Social Security.
- Received a complaint about needles in the parks.



- Pruned shrubs, sprayed and pulled weeds and completed routine maintenance.
- Repaired a water main break in Rotary Park.
- Continued adjusting all irrigation to account for wind, heat and cooler temperatures.
- Continued battling Rotary Park Splash Pad mechanical issues. Rebuilt the pump, replaced the electrical relays and activator. Received complaints that it wasn't on. The Health District inspected the Splash Pad. It passed.
- Watered parks during the day that use irrigation water to provide a way for people to cool off during periods of excessive heat.
- Repaired the Washington Park wading pool fill valve.
- Received several anonymous complaints about weeds in Lions Locomotive park. The area of the complaints is the responsibility of WSDOT. Forwarded the complaint to them.
- Hauled sand for the 4th of July fireworks.
- Installed rock mulch at the PSC for the expansion area.
- Reviewed and provided comment on the McKittrick intersection landscaping plan.
- Received a compliment from the PUD about the Washington Park tree planting.

MAINTENANCE & OPERATIONS

- Staff rescued a lady that couldn't get out of the Hale Skate Park apple.
- Repaired a broken irrigation vent pipe that was halfway between Lincoln Park and the Okanogan Reservoir.
- Pruned plants, installed weed barrier, new drip irrigation and rock mulch in Rotary Park planting beds.
- Assisted other departments with a person who has been collecting debris adjacent to Lions Locomotive Park.
- Reviewed the WSDOT George Sellar Bridge Maintenance Agreement.
- Provided streetery design and operational I comments to Public Works and the Community Development Departments.
- Provided fence information to the Lions Club for a potential Lions Locomotive Park Project. Obtained price quotes.
- Prepared another dog bone sign order for Hale Park.
- Continued working with the Rotary Club on their Peace Pole Project.




CEMETERY

Cemetery staff are responsible for overall operations, including landscape installation and maintenance, burial service setup, grave, niche and crypt sales, burials marker setting and any other operational task necessary for the 34 acre Wenatchee Cemetery (which includes a mausoleum with interior and exterior crypts and niches) and the Home of Peace Mausoleum on South Miller Street. Staff works with local and out-of-area funeral directors and families directly to accommodate the needs of those utilizing the Cemetery.

The Cemetery derives its revenues from three sources including fees for services provided by the staff, the sale of graves, crypts, niches, markers and other items and interest earnings from the Cemetery Endowment Care Fund. For many years the three traditional revenue sources have not been adequate to cover the cost of operations.

HIGHLIGHTS

Highlights from the third quarter of 2021 include:

- Hand pulled goat heads.
 - Completed the second round of headstone trimming.
 - Modified hours to avoid the heat.
 - 33 services were held this quarter.
 - Pruned and cleaning vegetation on the south end of the Cemetery by the service road.
 - Modified irrigation to address wind and heat.
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- A photograph of a large, dense, green weeping tree, likely a weeping willow, with long, drooping branches and thick foliage. The tree is the central focus of the image, with its branches hanging down. The background is a bright, slightly overexposed sky. The image is positioned on the right side of the slide, partially overlapping the text area.



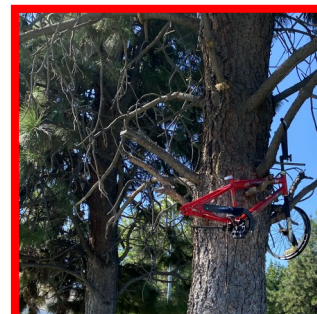
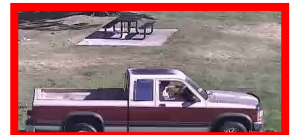
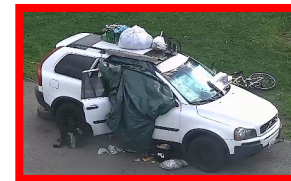
DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

Unfortunately, all park areas regularly experience a significant amount of vandalism and other incidents that require department staff attention. In many cases, vandalism occurred on a daily basis and was repaired by maintenance personnel. The following is a summary of some of what was reported during the third quarter of 2021.

LIONS LOCOMOTIVE PARK

- A vehicle drove through the park for about an hour. Police were notified and video and license plate were provided. Repaired a water main break as the result of the vehicle.
- Over 70 sprinkler heads were broken or tampered with this quarter. Valve boxes were broken into and the valves tinkered with. The control clock cabinet was broken into and the clock damaged. We are evaluating discontinuing the use of irrigation as sprinkler repair costs are averaging between \$200-\$1,000 per week.
- A tree was destroyed and had to be removed.
- There were reports of a topless woman, pantless woman (twice) and pantless man in the park.
- The park was tagged repeatedly.
- Most of a bike was found up in a tree.
- Trimmed brush in the storm water facility. It appears that someone sprayed chemical defoliant on the juniper causing its demise.
- Removed dump truck loads of debris from the park on a weekly basis to go along with daily debris removal.
- Staff witnessed a potentially stolen bike being spray painted. Notified police.
- There was a large group of aggressive people in the park that threatened to fight staff who were emptying trash cans and mowing.
- The white car (at right) was in the park for more than two weeks.
- Staff are routinely verbally abused by the residents of the park.
- A park resident ran up and threatened to shoot staff. Several drug deals, open use of drugs and prostitution solicitation was observed by staff as were people having sex.

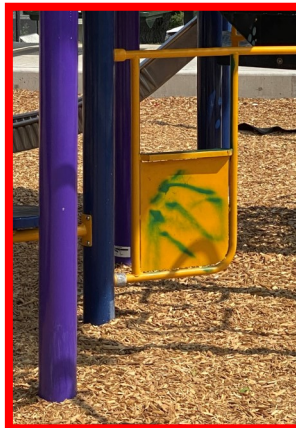
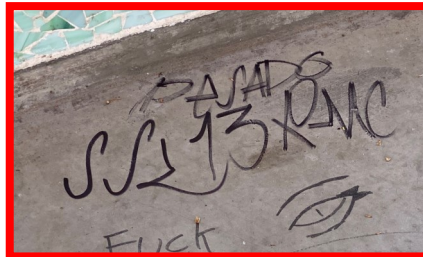
- Two additional individuals threatened to fight staff.
- For their safety, staff will be removing trash less frequently as it is unsafe for them to travel in the park in pairs. The entire park crew will remove trash together to try to help increase their safety.
- One of the residents of the park was trespassed from the park for 45 days for throwing trash at staff and being abusive. They returned a week later.



DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

KIWANIS METHOW PARK

- The mosaics by the skate area were obliterated by people using rocks in the park as hammers.
- Someone spread syrup all over restroom walls and fixtures.
- Someone attempted to chop down a park tree.
- The play area was vandalized with graffiti, the post caps stolen and slide smashed with rocks.
- Someone removed the drain cover and packed the wading pool drain with rocks and debris which required digging up the drain line and installing a separate line to repair.
- The kiosk was tagged several times and rocks and other items thrown on the roof. The majority of electrical outlets and boxes were destroyed.
- Staff reported receiving complaints of people having sex in the park.



DAMAGE, VANDALISM AND OTHER INCIDENTS

PENNSYLVANIA PARK

- The park sign was tagged more than once.



SADDLE ROCK

- One of the fences in the parking lot was torn down by vandals. Implemented repairs.
- Someone broke out all the windows on a vehicle parked at the trailhead. The cameras were down for maintenance unfortunately.
- Someone crashed through another fence at around 2am one morning.

LINCOLN PARK

- A car drove through the park.

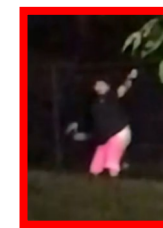
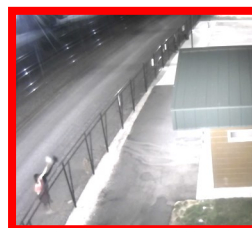
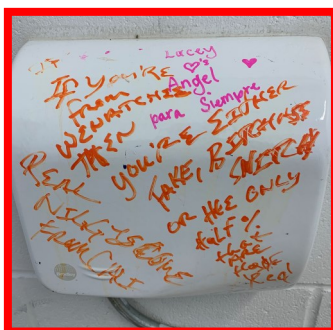
PIONEER PARK

- The restrooms were tagged.
- Someone lit the toilet paper on fire in the restrooms.
- Two girls removed the light fixture from inside the men's restroom.



HALE PARK

- Graffiti is occurs on a daily basis.
- Continued to replace intentionally broken sprinklers on a weekly basis next to the skate park. The irrigation filter hose was also broken.



- Someone walked along the train tracks and threw large rocks throughout the park. There were also defecation incidents in the park that were caught on camera.
- There was a fire outside the off leash area. It was in a gravel area and extinguished by the Fire District.
- Skateboard stickers that have been placed throughout the park on light poles, fence, park furniture and over signs.

OTHER AREAS

- Someone crashed into the planters on first street again. This occurs about once a month. Brought in the maintenance crew in on overtime to move it back out of the street, scoop up the dirt and replant the plants.
- A person was trespassed out of Rotary Park for 45 days by the Police for again creating a disturbance, aggressively confronting staff and being verbally abusive. He has done this several times over the past year with both staff and other park visitors. There were many witnesses to his behavior.
- Received a complaint of someone shooting off large fireworks from the Skyline Drive overlook on July 10 between 2:00-2:45am. They also complained about loud music and other issues. Forwarded the complaint to the Police Department and reviewed our camera footage to identify the suspects.



PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

The **Planning and Development** function of the Department includes responsibility for planning for the future growth of the parks and recreation system. Major activities include: Determining land acquisition and facility development needs, comprehensive and capital planning, obtaining financing to implement the projects through grants or other means, conducting specific park area and special studies and completing development project bid specifications.

HIGHLIGHTS

The following are highlights from the third quarter of 2021:

LINCOLN PARK

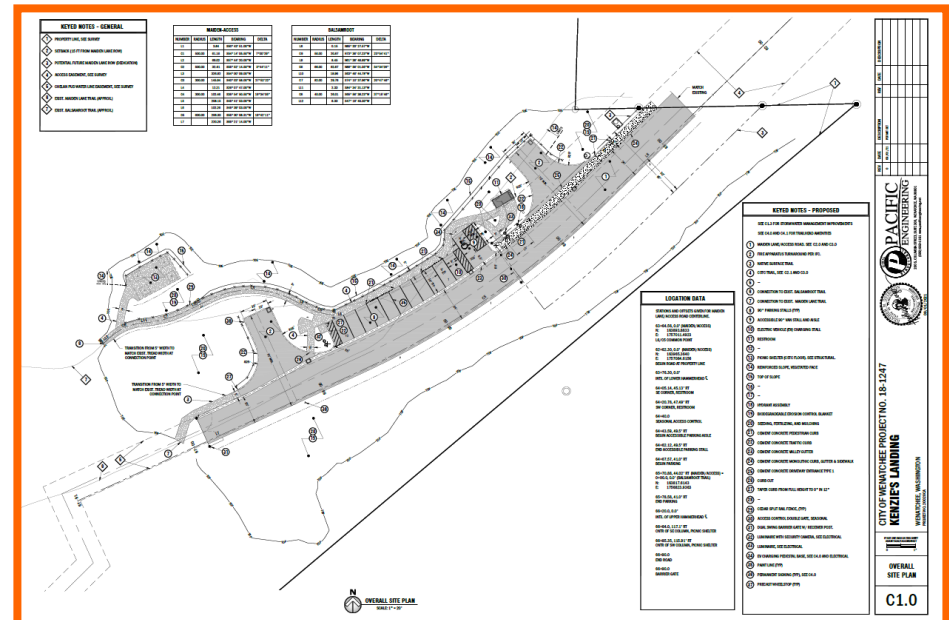
- Followed up with Chelan County to obtain the grant agreement for \$100,000 in lodging tax funding that was awarded last December.
- Received the updated price quotes for the spray park and play equipment.
- Met with the Community Development Department and reviewed CDBG eligibility and potential use of \$200,000 for the project.
- Completed the bid process and prepared the pump park construction contract. The City Council approved the construction contract with Evergreen Mountain Bike Alliance for the pump park. Followed up with Evergreen, City Attorney and the engineers. Received notice from Evergreen that they won't be able to construct the pump park this year. Notified the engineers to modify the overall project bid package to incorporate the pump park portion so it may be re-bid later this year with the rest of the project. Rescinded the contract award.
- Received notification that our .09 grant request with the County was awarded \$115,200. The grant was accepted by the City Council.
- Received a bridge grant extension for the Lincoln Park RCO grants while awaiting the Federal extension. The federal extension was approved.
- Worked with the State on some cultural resources items. They may require an archaeologist to be on site during all dirt related work.
- Met with project engineers to discuss splash pad permitting strategy.
- Submitted revised restroom drawings for the building permit application.
- Ordered the play equipment.

SADDLEROCK REMEDIATION

- Worked with the attorney on land acquisition for construction access, the Land Trust on additional trail work and Geo engineers on a project agreement extension.

KENZIE'S LANDING

- Followed up with the State regarding the Kenzie's Landing grant billing that was submitted last February and also our grant extension request submitted last fall.
- Prepared and submitted a grant progress report.
- Continued finalizing the project engineering. The 90% plans were received and reviewed. Revising the plans due to new storm water information.



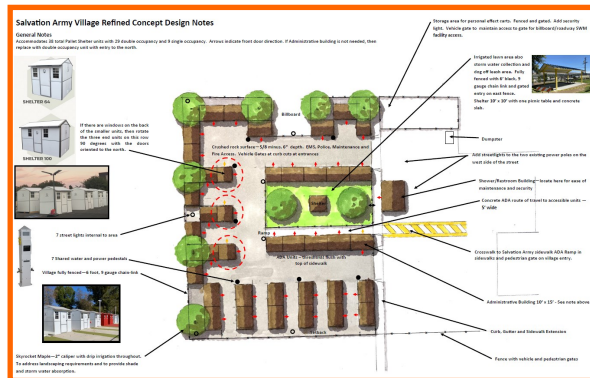
PLANNING & DEVELOPMENT

LOWER CASTLE ROCK NATURAL AREA

- Received comments from the State on the Public Notice document for the Lower Castle Rock conversion. Revised the document and completed the required posting. Continued to make progress on the potential replacement property acquisition. Met with the appraiser to obtain an appraisal of the converted piece of property and obtained the review appraisal on the replacement property. Followed up with the State and prepared the required State forms for the replacement property acquisition. Revised the legal description of the park area.

OTHER PARK AREAS

- Assisted Community Development with housing presentation materials.
- Evaluated applications for the State for Federal LWCF grants.
- Followed up with Community Development and provided additional comment on the Queens Court proposal. Continued working with the Land Trust and developers on trail alignment.
- Updated the Department portion of the City Capital Plan.
- Reviewed the draft Chelan County Multimodal Pathways Plan and provided comment to the County. Continued to participate on the planning committee.
- Worked with a potential anonymous, donor for a park project.
- Endavoring to find grants/funding sources for the construction of the community garden. Updated the cost estimate and garden plan.
- Met with the Community Development Department to discuss the homeless housing sleep center. Prepared concept plans and refined the concept plans based on preliminary comments. Contacted engineers to ascertain the cost of preparation of civil plans.



- Assisted Public Works with vault restroom specifications.
- Assisted St. Joes School with playground procurement/design information as they are hoping to replace the playground for their school.
- Reviewed and provided comment to Community Development on draft mitigation land bank agreements.
- Received the final State releases for the Chase Park Project.
- Assisted the City of Longview and Forevergreentrails with interlocal agreements.
- Reviewed and provided comment to engineering on the Columbia/McKittrick Street landscaping plan.
- Assisted the City of Moses Lake with contracting information.
- Assisted the Chelan Douglas Land Trust with security camera information.
- Prepared and submitted the Tree City USA application.
- Participated in a Confluence Parkway meeting.
- Worked with the WWRC to coordinate a WWRP project tour with Representative Steele at their request. Conducted the tour.
- Reviewed and provided comments on the Riverfront Park conceptual plans. Continued participating on the design committee.
- Received the grant agreement from the State for the Foothills Regional Recreation Area Project. The grant agreement was reviewed by the City Attorney and Finance Committee and accepted by the City Council. Continued coordinating the project with the Land Trust. They will begin work on the required boundary line adjustments.
- Provided insight and assisted the State as they are looking at potentially revamping the Land and Water Conservation Fund grant program.
- Assisted Community Development with city comprehensive plan update information.

RECREATION

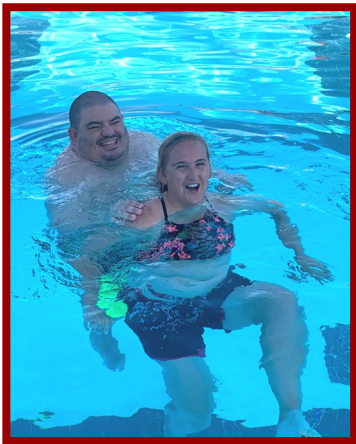
The City of Wenatchee provides safe, quality leisure services in the most cost effective manner possible to the community. The **Recreation Division** is striving to provide a comprehensive offering of recreation opportunities for all ages and ability levels within its budgetary means. The following provides information about the programs offered during the third quarter of 2021.

SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS

The Parks, Recreation and Cultural Services Department serves as the primary coordinator of recreation programming and services for special populations in the community. Programs are designed to provide engaging social, athletic and fitness activities for individuals with developmental disabilities. The programs were made possible through the receipt of grant funding.

Special Olympic Sports

Special Olympics was founded on the belief that all individuals with cognitive disabilities can benefit from athletic activities. The City coordinates several Special Olympic sport programs for local athletes. Because the vulnerable nature of this population and Covid related concerns, Softball was cancelled. Virtual programming was held in its place. Golf was held and bowling got underway this quarter.



Special Needs Social Program

The award winning, Special Needs Social Program is supported through a grant from the **Chelan Douglas Developmental Disabilities Program**. The program provides a recreational opportunities for individuals to build relationships and participate in community events. Activities occur approximately twice each month at locations around the Wenatchee Valley. Programs offered this quarter were modified to adhere to Covid guidelines for the health and safety of staff and participants. This quarter the program traveled to an Applesox game, held a pool party and a dance,

Fall Into Fitness

The Fall Into Fitness Program is a walking program for persons with developmental disabilities. It is held twice a week in the afternoons along the Apple Capital Trail from Mid September through Mid October.

YOUTH RECREATION



Summer Day Camp

For the safety of participants and staff, the Summer Day Camp Program was modified to adhere to the current Covid guidelines. The program was open to 1st to 5th grade participants. It began in mid-June and ran through mid-August. This year, campers were split between two locations, the Assembly of God Church and Rotary Park for part of the camp, then when Covid restrictions changed, the camps were merged to one location.

Park Wading Pool Program



The park wading pool program was modified to adhere to the current Covid guidelines. The program was held at Washington, Kiwanis Methow and Pennsylvania Parks from the end of June through mid-August. Staff was also provided at the Rotary Park splash pad. Contracted security guards were added to the Kiwanis Methow Park pool to help address safety issues.

RECREATION

ATHLETICS

Youth Tennis Lessons

Youth Tennis Lessons are designed for the novice player ages 7 and older. Lessons focused on tennis fundamentals including ground strokes, serve and volley-play. Lessons were held at Walla Walla Point Park over a two week period this Summer.

Skyhawks Outdoor Basketball Camp

This fun program was designed for beginning to intermediate athletes who wanted to improve their passing, shooting, dribbling and rebounding skills. Participants received a basketball and t-shirt. It was for ages 6-12.

Skyhawks Flag Football Camp

The camp taught boys and girls skills on both sides of the line of scrimmage including the core components of passing, catching and defense—all in a fun and positive environment. It was for ages 6-12.

Skyhawks Outdoor Volleyball Camp

This program takes the energy and excitement of this team sport and puts it together into one fun-filled camp. All aspects of the game were taught through drills and exercises that focus on passing, setting, hitting and serving. This co-ed program was designed for the beginner to intermediate player and incorporated essential life-lessons such as teamwork and sportsmanship. It was for ages 6 to 12.

Skyhawks Soccer Camp

The camp taught young athletes the fundamental skills of soccer through fun games and exercises. Participants tested their new expertise in skills and strategy through interactive group activities and scrimmages. It was open to boys and girls ages 6-12.

Skyhawks Stem and Basketball Camp

This program combined STEM-based activities with sports instruction and a focus on life skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship. Participants got the opportunity to explore the science behind basketball with modules centered around technology, science and innovation including ball design, calculating distances and angles, velocity, acceleration and more. Participants also learned the fundamentals of basketball through drills and scrimmages. The camp was for ages 6-12.

Skyhawks Beginning Golf Camp

Boys and girls learned the fundamentals of swinging, putting and body positioning in this camp. Using the SNAG (Starting New At Golf) system, instruction was simplified so that young players can make an effective transition onto the golf course. All equipment was provided. The camp was for ages 5-11.

Skyhawks Mini-Hawk Camp

The Mini-Hawk program helped young children explore soccer, baseball, and basketball in a day camp setting. There is no pressure, just lots of fun, while young athletes participated in all three sports through unique Skyhawks games. The week long camp was held at Rotary Park. It was for ages 4-7.

Skyhawks Tiny-Hawk Camp

Designed for beginning players, this camp focused on dribbling, passing, shooting and ball control. By the end of the camp participants learned new life skills such as teamwork and sportsmanship, made new friends and improved their skills. The camp was for ages 3-4 and held at Rotary Park.

ADDITIONAL HIGHLIGHTS

- Modified programs to respond to extreme heat, lightning, unhealthy air quality, park security and Covid issues.
- Cleaned and stored supplies from programs.
- Began Halloween Carnival, Indoor Playground and Winter program planning.
- Made the determination to not hold the Youth Basketball Program this year due to Covid mitigation requirements.
- Met with Mission Ridge to discuss the 2022 Special Olympics State Winter Games.
- Participated in Kids Day at the Town Toyota Center.



RECREATION PARTICIPATION

	<u>2013</u>	<u>2014</u>	<u>2015</u>	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	<u>2020</u>	<u>2021</u>
ATHLETICS									
Hershey Track and Field/USA Track/Rec Track	88	102	123	0	101	129	120	0	103
Youth Tennis Lessons	32	40	33	23	19	9	12	0	20
Youth Recreation Basketball League		115	106	108	126	134	128	122	0
Skyhawks Basketball Camp	34	21	31	53	57	24	30	0	66
Skyhawks Soccer Camp	32	28	18	48	27	15	31	0	40
Skyhawks Mini Hawk Camp	26	53	70	76	54	38	47	0	29
Skyhawks Tiny Hawk Soccer	14	12	30	42	43	45	41	0	33
Skyhawks Sports Camp Sampler	0	0	0	0	0	20	0	0	0
Skyhawks Golf Camp	16	0	21	23	11	8	22	0	37
Skyhawks Multi-Sport Camp	15	32	24	31	19	9	24	0	39
Skyhawks Flag Football Camp	0	0	25	21	0	7	12	0	37
Skyhawks Outdoor Volleyball Camp	0	0	0	0	0	0	10	0	28
Women's Volleyball	75	76	80	73	81	87	79	75	0
Drop in Volleyball	0	0	0	0	0	287	453	191	0
AQUATICS									
Swimming Lessons	883	881	767	720	775	796	970	0	615
OUTDOOR PROGRAMS									
Guided Nature Hikes/Family Outdoor Adventures	0	42	412	219	105	32	0	0	0
Hiking and Nature Camp	0	0	0	38	9	11	12	0	11
Wading Pool Program	0	4,684	4,783	4,228	3,065	2,325	4,021	0	945
Row and Paddle Camp	0	16	17	17	11	13	0	0	0
Snow Shoe Hikes For Families	70	0	0	32	36	37	55	40	0
SPECIAL EVENTS									
Halloween Carnival	2,500	2,500	5,000	5,000	4,600	4,600	4,600	1,280	0
Winter Flake Festival/Winter Fest/Bundle Up Fest	1,100	1,120	1,200	900	800	1,889	2,200	1,800	0
Special Olympics Winter Games	4,671	5,098	3,841	3,897	4,198	4,500	3,900	1,200	0
Movies in the Park	600	900	800	500	0	1,050	1,200	584	579
Friday Night Concerts	2,622	1,350	2,125	1,750	1,050	1,147	1,350	0	1,030
Independence Day Celebration	10,000	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
SPECIAL NEEDS PROGRAMS									
Special Needs Social Program	1,257	1,229	1,281	1,552	626	530	452	408	296
Polar Plunge	62	76	62	57	31	74	60	70	4
Special Olympics Sports	229	251	262	231	226	185	208	90	32
Fall/Spring Into Fitness	18	18	9	6	0	5	7	0	20
Artful Endeavors	0	0	0	0	17	0	0	0	0
YOUTH RECREATION									
Spring Break Camp	0	0	0	0	0	18	18	0	0
Summer Day Camp	437	443	504	464	482	455	456	50	242
Indoor Playground	112	238	186	746	650	432	1,266	695	0
TOTALS	22,641	19,316	21,812	20,873	17,227	18,638	21,656	6,483	4,206

2021 is through the third quarter only. 2020 and 2021 attendance impacted by Covid restrictions.